10. Marketing in general, pricing etc.

On the basis of the findings/recom- "m/rtditions of the Committee, the services of Shri A. P. Maheshwary as Chairman & Managing Director of CCI were terminated on 27-5-86. Some other recommendations of the Committee like reduction in cost of production, improved maintenance etc. are already under implementa-tation. Efforts are being made to cut down inventory. The other recommendations of the Committee are being studied and action in resp;:': of these necessarily i nvolves time. An over-all improvement of the working of CCI is a continuous process aid action is accordingly , taken both by CCI and Government on the various recommendations of the Committee.

Cooperation to Libya

164. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have off r d cooperation to Libya in som n w areas in the field of Industry, if so. what are the details thereof; and

(b) how many projects are being executed in Libya at present by the Indian Companies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF IN DUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) During the sixth S' ssion of the Indo-Libyan Joint Commission held re cently in New Delhi, both sides em phasis d the need for expanding the bilateral industrial cooperation in various areas including automobile, iron and steel, cottage and small seal: industries, dams and water re - sources etc.

(b) There are sixty-two contracts pn sently being executed by various Indian companies in Libya.

Remuneration of Managing Directors of Public Limited Companies

165. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether Government propose to order an upward revision of the ceiling on remuneration of Managing Directors and full time Directors of public limited companies; if so, what aro the details there of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : The Government have not taken any decision, regarding upward revision of the ceiling on remuneration of Managing Directors and full time directors of public limiu d companies.

Transfer of a judge from Orissa to Allahabad High Court

166. SFIRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN : Will the • Ministc r of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the Orissa 'Hgh Court Bar Association's resolution against the unjust transfar order of Justice B.N. Mishtra from Orissa High Court to Allahabad High Court;

(b) whether Government have receive d a copy of t! (n solution dated 25th June, 1986 in this regard; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BKARD-WAJ) : (a) to (c) The Government have- received from the High Court Bar Association, Orissa a copy cl ;he Press handout issued by it on 8-7-86 regaiding the transfer of Dr. J> B. N Misra from the Orissa High Court to the Allahabad High Court.

There is no occasion for the Government to react. The transfer was made in accordance with the provisions of Article 222 of the Constitution with the concurrence of the Chief Justice of India.

Transfer of gas connections

167. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to allow the customers to transfer their gas connections in the names of their close blood relations in the event of their marriages or 1 aving tations for a long period;

(b) if so, what arc the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what arc the reasons" therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) and (b) Normally, LPG connections are non-transforable. However, in special cases like those mentioned in the question, the LPG connection can be transforred, subject to production of an authorisation letter from the original owner and deposit of a security at the current prevailing ra by the prospective transferee.

(c) Docs not ar

Scheme to tap new energy sources

168. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to evolve a comprehensive scheme to tap new energy sources; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT.SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Comprehensive programmes of R&D, demonstration, utilisation, industrial production, evaluation etc. to tap new energy sources are being implemented by the Depart ment of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. As a result of intensive R&D activities and demonstration pro grammes taken up in various arras of non-conventional energy sources, a number of technologies have been di V'loped which have been found technically f asible for various appli cations including generation of elec tricity. Large-scale extension pro grammes, such as Nationl Prog ramme on Biegas Development, National Programme of Improved Chulha, Solar Thermal Extension Programme have been launched throughout the country and have started making an impact in saving wood and conventional fuels, environ mental improvements and improve ment in the quality of lif- particularly in the rural areas. Solar photovoltaic systems have been developed and are being increasingly deployed for electrifying remote villages and otl < r small power ncc ds. A programme for utilisation of wind energy for pump ing and electricity generaticn is being implemented. Projects relat ing to production, conversion and utilisation of biomass have r ached the extension stage and biomass gasifiers i power production have already started to be commerci-alised. A number of energ y self-sufficient villagcs (URJA GRAMS)-have been set up and a programme initiated for a \arge number of such villages, where energy for cooking, lighting and ether needs of the entire village could be provided by locally available non-conventional souro s of energy. Investigation and development efforts relating to utilisation of tidal energy, ocean energy and